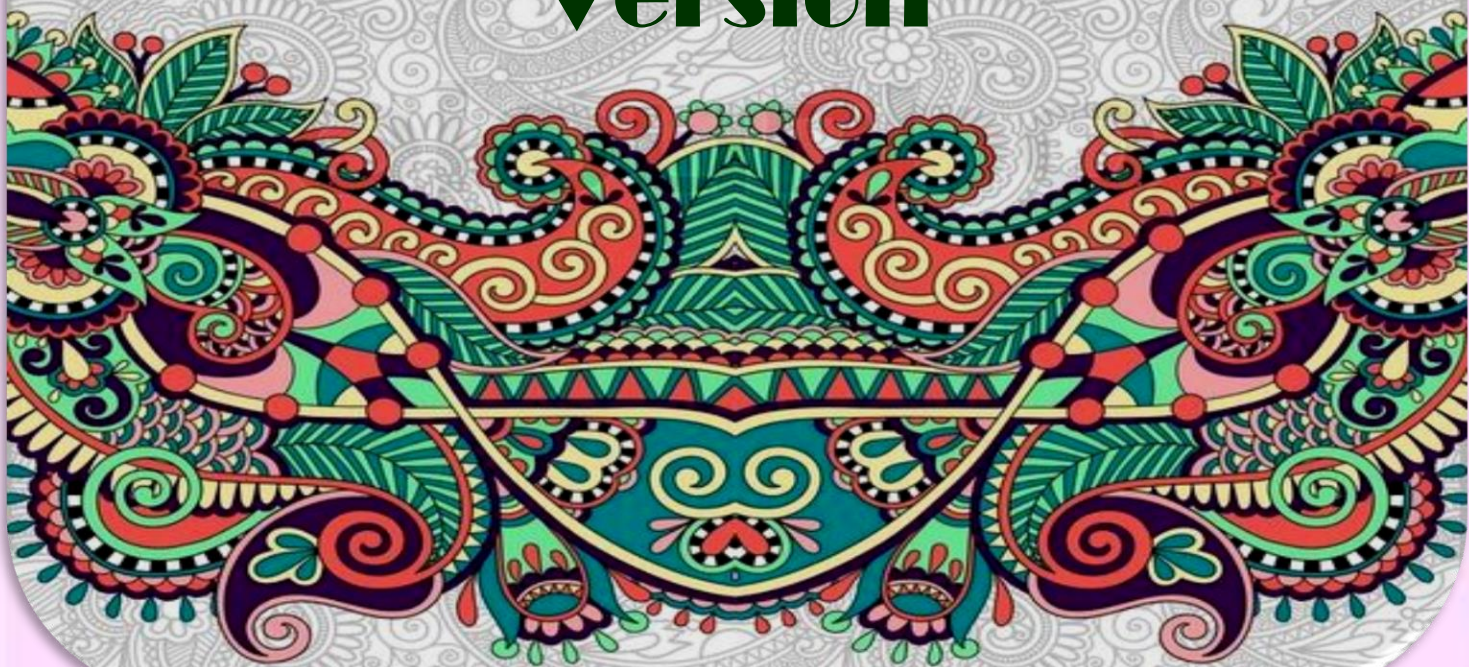


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1:1 In the
twelfth year of
the reign of
Nabuchodonosor, who
reigned in Nineve, the
great city; in the days of
Arphaxad, which reigned
over the Medes in
Ecbatane, **1:2** And built
in Ecbatane walls round
about of stones hewn
three cubits broad and
six cubits long, and

**made the height of
the wall seventy
cubits, and the breadth
thereof fifty cubits:**

**1:3 And set the towers
thereof upon the gates
of it an hundred cubits
high, and the breadth
thereof in the foundation
threescore cubits:**

**1:4 And he made the
gates thereof, even
gates that were raised to
the height of seventy
cubits, and the breadth**

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of them was forty cubits, for the going forth of his mighty armies, and for the setting in array of his footmen: 1:5 Even in those days king Nabuchodonosor made war with king Arphaxad in the great plain, which is the plain in the borders of Ragau.

1:6 And there came unto him all they that dwelt in the hill country, and all that dwelt by Euphrates,

and Tigris and Hydaspes, and the plain of Arioch the king of the Elymeans, and very many nations of the sons of Chelod, assembled themselves to the battle. 1:7 Then Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians sent unto all that dwelt in Persia, and to all that dwelt westward, and to those that dwelt in Cilicia, and Damascus, and Libanus,

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**and Antili-banus, and to
all that dwelt upon the
sea coast, 1:8 And to
those among the nations
that were of Carmel, and
Galaad, and the higher
Galilee, and the great
plain of Esdrelom,
1:9 And to all that were
in Samaria and the cities
thereof, and beyond
Jordan unto Jerusalem,
and Betane, and Chelus,
and Kades, and the river
of Egypt, and Taphnes,**

**and Ramesse, and all the
land of Gesem,
1:10 Until ye come
beyond Tanis and
Memphis, and to all the
inhabitants of Egypt,
until ye come to the
borders of Ethiopia.**

**1:11 But all the
inhabitants of the land
made light of the
commandment of
Nabuchod-onosor king
of the Assyrians, neither
went they with him to the**

battle; for they were not afraid of him: yea, he was before them as one man, and they sent away his ambassadors from them without effect, and with disgrace.

1:12 Therefore

Nabuchodonosor was very angry with all this country, and sware by his throne and kingdom, that he would surely be avenged upon all those coasts of Cilicia, and

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**Damascus, and Syria,
and that he would slay
with the sword all the
inhabitants of the land of
Moab, and the children
of Ammon, and all
Judea, and all that were
in Egypt, till ye come to
the borders of the two
seas. 1:13 Then he
marched in battle array
with his power against
king Arphaxad in the
seventeenth year, and he
prevailed in his battle:**

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for he overthrew all the power of Arphaxad, and all his horsemen, and all his chariots, 1:14 And became lord of his cities, and came unto Ecbatane, and took the towers, and spoiled the streets thereof, and turned the beauty thereof into shame.

1:15 He took also Arphaxad in the mountains of Ragau, and smote him through with

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his darts, and destroyed him utterly that day.

1:16 So he returned afterward to Nineve, both he and all his company of sundry nations being a very great multitude of men of war, and there he took his ease, and banqueted, both he and his army, an hundred and twenty days.

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2:1 And in the eighteenth year, the two and twentieth day of the first month, there was talk in the house of Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians that he should, as he said, avenge himself on all the earth. **2:2** So he called unto him all his officers, and all his nobles, and communicated with

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**them his secret counsel,
and concluded the
afflicting of the whole
earth out of his own
mouth. 2:3 Then they
decreed to destroy all
flesh, that did not obey
the commandment of his
mouth. 2:4 And when he
had ended his counsel,
Nabuchodonosor king of
the Assyrians called
Holofernes the chief
captain of his army,
which was next unto**

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him, and said unto him.

2:5 Thus saith the great king, the lord of the whole earth, Behold, thou shalt go forth from my presence, and take with thee men that trust in their own strength, of footmen an hundred and twenty thousand; and the number of horses with their riders twelve thousand. **2:6** And thou shalt go against all the west country, because

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**they disobeyed my
commandment. 2:7 And
thou shalt declare unto
that they prepare for me
earth and water: for I will
go forth in my wrath
against them and will
cover the whole face of
the earth with the feet of
mine army, and I will
give them for a spoil
unto them: 2:8 So that
their slain shall fill their
valleys and brooks and
the river shall be filled**

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**with their dead, till it
overflow: 2:9 And I will
lead them captives to the
utmost parts of all the
earth. 2:10 Thou
therefore shalt go forth.
and take beforehand for
me all their coasts: and
if they will yield
themselves unto thee,
thou shalt reserve them
for me till the day of their
punishment. 2:11 But
concerning them that
rebel, let not thine eye**

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**spare them; but put
them to the slaughter,
and spoil them
wheresoever thou goest.**

2:12 For as I live, and
by the power of my
kingdom, whatsoever I
have spoken, that will I
do by mine hand.

2:13 And take thou
heed that thou
transgress none of the
commandments of thy
lord, but accomplish
them fully, as I have

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**commanded thee, and
defer not to do them.**

2:14 Then Holofernes
went forth from the
presence of his lord, and
called all the governors
and captains, and the
officers of the army of
Assur; **2:15** And he
mustered the chosen
men for the battle, as his
lord had commanded
him, unto an hundred
and twenty thousand,
and twelve thousand

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archers on horseback;

2:16 And he ranged them, as a great army is ordered for the war.

2:17 And he took camels and asses for their carriages, a very great number; and sheep and oxen and goats without number for their provision: **2:18** And plenty of victual for every man of the army, and very much gold and silver out of the king's

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house. 2:19 Then he went forth and all his power to go before king Nabuchodonosor in the voyage, and to cover all the face of the earth westward with their chariots, and horsemen, and their chosen footmen. **2:20** A great number also sundry countries came with them like locusts, and like the sand of the earth: for the multitude

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was without number.

2:21 And they went forth of Nineve three days' journey toward the plain of Bectileth, and pitched from Bectileth near the mountain which is at the left hand of the upper Cilicia. **2:22** Then he took all his army, his footmen, and horsemen and chariots, and went from thence into the hill country; **2:23** And destroyed Phud and

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Lud, and spoiled all the children of Rasses, and the children of Israel, which were toward the wilderness at the south of the land of the Chellians. 2:24 Then he went over Euphrates, and went through Mesopotamia, and destroyed all the high cities that were upon the river Arbonai, till ye come to the sea. 2:25 And he took the

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**borders of Cilicia, and
killed all that resisted
him, and came to the
borders of Japheth,
which were toward the
south, over against
Arabia. 2:26 He
compassed also all the
children of Madian, and
burned up their
tabernacles, and spoiled
their sheepcotes.**

**2:27 Then he went
down into the plain of
Damascus in the time of**

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wheat harvest, and burnt up all their fields, and destroyed their flocks and herds, also he spoiled their cities, and utterly wasted their countries, and smote all their young men with the edge of the sword.

2:28 Therefore the fear and dread of him fell upon all the inhabitants of the sea coasts, which were in Sidon and Tyrus, and them that dwelt in

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**Sur and Ocina, and all
that dwelt in Jemnaan;
and they that dwelt in
Azotus and Ascalon
feared him greatly.**

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3:1 So they sent
ambassadors unto him
to treat of peace, saying,

3:2 Behold, we the
servants of
Nabuchodonosor the
great king lie before
thee; use us as shall be
good in thy sight.

3:3 Behold, our houses,
and all our places, and
all our fields of wheat,
and flocks, and herds,

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and all the lodges of our tents lie before thy face; use them as it pleaseth thee. 3:4 Behold, even our cities and the inhabitants thereof are thy servants; come and deal with them as seemeth good unto thee. 3:5 So the men came to Holofernes, and declared unto him after this manner. 3:6 Then came he down toward the sea coast, both he and his

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**army, and set garrisons
in the high cities, and
took out of them chosen
men for aid. 3:7 So they
and all the country
round about received
them with garlands, with
dances, and with
timbrels. 3:8 Yet he did
cast down their frontiers,
and cut down their
groves: for he had
decreed to destroy all
the gods of the land, that
all nations should**

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worship

**Nabuchodonosor only,
and that all tongues and
tribes should call upon
him as god. 3:9** Also he

**came over against
Esdraelon near unto
Judea, over against the
great strait of Judea.**

3:10 And he pitched
between Geba and
Scythopolis, and there
he tarried a whole
month, that he might

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**gather together all the
carriages of his army.**

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4:1 Now the children of Israel, that dwelt in Judea, heard all that Holofernes the chief captain of Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians had done to the nations, and after what manner he had spoiled all their temples, and brought them to nought. **4:2** Therefore they were exceed-ingly

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afraid of him, and were troubled for Jerusalem, and for the temple of the Lord their God: 4:3 For they were newly returned from the captivity, and all the people of Judea were lately gathered together: and the vessels, and the altar, and the house, were sanctified after the profanation.

4:4 Therefore they sent into all the coasts of

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**Samaria, and the villages
and to Bethoron, and
Belmen, and Jericho,
and to Choba, and
Esora, and to the valley
of Salem: 4:5 And
possessed themselves
beforehand of all the
tops of the high
mountains, and fortified
the villages that were in
them, and laid up
victuals for the provision
of war: for their fields
were of late reaped.**

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4:6 Also Joacim the high priest, which was in those days in Jerusalem, wrote to them that dwelt in Bethulia, and Betomestham, which is over against Esdraelon toward the open country, near to Dothaim,

4:7 Charging them to keep the passages of the hill country: for by them there was an entrance into Judea, and it was easy to stop them that

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would come up, because the passage was straight, for two men at the most. 4:8 And the children of Israel did as Joacim the high priest had commanded them, with the ancients of all the people of Israel, which dwelt at Jerusalem. 4:9 Then every man of Israel cried to God with great fervency, and with great vehemency did they

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humble their souls:

4:10 Both they, and their wives and their children, and their cattle, and every stranger and hireling, and their servants bought with money, put sackcloth upon their loins.

4:11 Thus every man and women, and the little children, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, fell before the temple, and cast

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**ashes upon their heads,
and spread out their
sackcloth before the
face of the Lord: also
they put sackcloth about
the altar, 4:12 And cried
to the God of Israel all
with one consent
earnestly, that he would
not give their children
for a prey, and their
wives for a spoil, and the
cities of their inheritance
to destruction, and the
sanctuary to profanation**

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and reproach, and for the nations to rejoice at.

4:13 So God heard their prayers, and looked upon their afflictions: for the people fasted many days in all Judea and Jerusalem before the sanctuary of the Lord Almighty.

4:14 And Joacim the high priest, and all the priests that stood before the Lord, and they which ministered unto the

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**Lord, had their loins girt
with sackcloth, and
offered the daily burnt
offerings, with the vows
and free gifts of the
people, 4:15 And had
ashes on their mitres, and
cried unto the Lord with all
their power, that he would
look upon all the house of
Israel graciously.**

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5:1 Then was it declared to Holofernes, the chief captain of the army of Assur, that the children of Israel had prepared for war, and had shut up the passages of the hill country, and had fortified all the tops of the high hills and had laid impediments in the champaign countries:

5:2 Wherewith he was

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very angry, and called all the princes of Moab, and the captains of Ammon, and all the governors of the sea coast, 5:3 And he said unto them, Tell me now, ye sons of Chanaan, who this people is, that dwelleth in the hill country, and what are the cities that they inhabit, and what is the multitude of their army, and wherein is their power and

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**strength, and what king
is set over them, or
captain of their army;**

**5:4 And why have they
determined not to come
and meet me, more than
all the inhabitants of the**

**west. 5:5 Then said
Achior, the captain of all
the sons of Ammon, Let
my lord now hear a word
from the mouth of thy
servant, and I will
declare unto thee the
truth concerning this**

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people, which dwelleth near thee, and inhabiteth the hill countries: and there shall no lie come out of the mouth of thy servant. 5:6 This people are descended of the Chaldeans: 5:7 And they sojourned heretofore in Mesopotamia, because they would not follow the gods of their fathers, which were in the land of Chaldea. 5:8 For they left the way of their

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ancestors, and worshipped the God of heaven, the God whom they knew: so they cast them out from the face of their gods, and they fled into Mesopotamia, and sojourned there many days. 5:9 Then their God commanded them to depart from the place where they sojourned, and to go into the land of Chanaan: where they dwelt, and

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were increased with gold and silver, and with very much cattle. 5:10 But when a famine covered all the land of Chanaan, they went down into Egypt, and sojourned there, while they were nourished, and became there a great multitude, so that one could not number their nation.

5:11 Therefore the king of Egypt rose up against them, and dealt subtilly

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with them, and brought them low with labouring in brick, and made them slaves. **5:12** Then they cried unto their God, and he smote all the land of Egypt with incurable plagues: so the Egyptians cast them out of their sight. **5:13** And God dried the Red sea before them, **5:14** And brought them to mount Sina, and Cades-Barne, and cast forth all that

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dwelt in the wilderness.

5:15 So they dwelt in the land of the Amorites, and they destroyed by their strength all them of Esebon, and passing over Jordan they possessed all the hill country. **5:16** And they cast forth before them the Chanaanite, the Pherezite, the Jebusite, and the Sychemite, and all the Gergesites, and they dwelt in that

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country many days.

5:17 And whilst they sinned not before their God, they prospered, because the God that hateth iniquity was with them. **5:18** But when they departed from the way which he appointed them, they were destroyed in many battles very sore, and were led captives into a land that was not their's, and the temple of their

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God was cast to the ground, and their cities were taken by the enemies. 5:19 But now are they returned to their God, and are come up from the places where they were scattered, and have possessed Jerusalem, where their sanctuary is, and are seated in the hill country; for it was desolate. 5:20 Now therefore, my lord and

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governor, if there be any error against this people, and they sin against their God, let us consider that this shall be their ruin, and let us go up, and we shall overcome them.

5:21 But if there be no iniquity in their nation, let my lord now pass by, lest their Lord defend them, and their God be for them, and we become a reproach

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before all the world.

5:22 And when Achior had finished these sayings, all the people standing round about the tent murmured, and the chief men of Holofernes, and all that dwelt by the sea side, and in Moab, spake that he should kill him.

5:23 For, say they, we will not be afraid of the face of the children of Israel: for, lo, it is a

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people that have no strength nor power for a strong battle. 5:24 Now therefore, lord Holofernes, we will go up, and they shall be a prey to be devoured of all thine army.

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6:1 And when the tumult of men that were about the council was ceased, Holofernes the chief captain of the army of Assur said unto Achior and all the Moabites before all the company of other nations, **6:2** And who art thou, Achior, and the hirelings of Ephraim, that thou hast prophesied against us

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**as to day, and hast said,
that we should not make
war with the people of
Israel, because their God
will defend them? and
who is God but
Nabuchodonosor?**

**6:3 He will send his
power, and will destroy
them from the face of the
earth, and their God
shall not deliver them:
but we his servants will
destroy them as one
man; for they are not**

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**able to sustain the
power of our horses.**

6:4 For with them we will
tread them under foot,
and their mountains
shall be drunken with
their blood, and their
fields shall be filled with
their dead bodies, and
their footsteps shall not
be able to stand before
us, for they shall utterly
perish, saith king
Nabuchodono-sor, lord
of all the earth: for he

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said, None of my words shall be in vain. 6:5 And thou, Achior, an hireling of Ammon, which hast spoken these words in the day of thine iniquity, shalt see my face no more from this day, until I take vengeance of this nation that came out of Egypt. 6:6 And then shall the sword of mine army, and the multitude of them that serve me, pass through thy sides,

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**and thou shalt fall
among their slain, when I
return. 6:7** Now

**therefore my servants
shall bring thee back
into the hill country, and
shall set thee in one of
the cities of the**

passages: 6:8 And thou
shalt not perish, till thou
be destroyed with them.

6:9 And if thou persuade
thyself in thy mind that
they shall be taken, let
not thy countenance fall:

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I have spoken it, and none of my words shall be in vain. 6:10 Then Holofernes commanded his servants, that waited in his tent, to take Achior, and bring him to Bethulia, and deliver him into the hands of the children of Israel.

6:11 So his servants took him, and brought him out of the camp into the plain, and they went from the midst of the

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plain into the hill country, and came unto the fountains that were under Bethulia.

6:12 And when the men of the city saw them, they took up their weapons, and went out of the city to the top of the hill: and every man that used a sling kept them from coming up by casting of stones against them.

6:13 Never-theless

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having gotten privily under the hill, they bound Achior, and cast him down, and left him at the foot of the hill, and returned to their lord.

6:14 But the Israelites descended from their city, and came unto him, and loosed him, and brought him to Bethulia, and presented him to the governors of the city:

6:15 Which were in those days Ozias the

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son of Micha, of the tribe of Simeon, and Chabris the son of Gothoniel, and Charmis the son of Melchiel. 6:16 And they called together all the ancients of the city, and all their youth ran together, and their women, to the assembly, and they set Achior in the midst of all their people. Then Ozias asked him of that which was done. 6:17 And he

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**answered and declared
unto them the words of
the council of
Holofernes, and all the
words that he had
spoken in the midst of
the princes of Assur,
and whatsoever
Holofernes had spoken
proudly against the
house of Israel.**

6:18 Then the people
fell down and
worshipped God, and
cried unto God. saying,

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6:19 O Lord God of heaven, behold their pride, and pity the low estate of our nation, and look upon the face of those that are sanctified unto thee this day.

6:20 Then they comforted Achior, and praised him greatly.

6:21 And Ozias took him out of the assembly unto his house, and made a feast to the elders; and they called

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**on the God of Israel all
that night for help.**

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7:1 The next day Holofernes commanded all his army, and all his people which were come to take his part, that they should remove their camp against Bethulia, to take aforehand the ascents of the hill country, and to make war against the children of Israel. **7:2** Then their strong men removed

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**their camps in that day,
and the army of the men
of war was an hundred
and seventy thousand
footmen, and twelve
thousand horsemen,
beside the baggage, and
other men that were
afoot among them, a
very great multitude.**

**7:3 And they camped in
the valley near unto
Bethulia, by the fountain,
and they spread
themselves in breadth**

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over Dothaim even to Belmaim, and in length from Bethulia unto Cynamon, which is over against Esdraelon.

7:4 Now the children of Israel, when they saw the multitude of them, were greatly troubled, and said every one to his neighbour, Now will these men lick up the face of the earth; for neither the high mountains, nor the

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valleys, nor the hills, are able to bear their weight.

7:5 Then every man took up his weapons of war, and when they had kindled fires upon their towers, they remained and watched all that night. **7:6** But in the second day Holofernes brought forth all his horsemen in the sight of the children of Israel which were in Bethulia, **7:7** And viewed the

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**passages up to the city,
and came to the
fountains of their waters,
and took them, and set
garrisons of men of war
over them, and he
himself removed toward
his people. 7:8 Then
came unto him all the
chief of the children of
Esau, and all the
governors of the people
of Moab, and the
captains of the sea
coast, and said, 7:9 Let**

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our lord now hear a word, that there be not an overthrow in thine army. 7:10 For this people of the children of Israel do not trust in their spears, but in the height of the mountains wherein they dwell, because it is not easy to come up to the tops of their mountains.

7:11 Now therefore, my lord, fight not against them in battle array, and

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**there shall not so much
as one man of thy
people perish.**

7:12 Remain in thy
camp, and keep all the
men of thine army, and
let thy servants get into
their hands the fountain
of water, which issueth
forth of the foot of the
mountain: **7:13** For all
the inhabitants of
Bethulia have their water
thence; so shall thirst
kill them, and they shall

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**give up their city, and we
and our people shall go
up to the tops of the
mountains that are near,
and will camp upon
them, to watch that none
go out of the city.**

7:14 So they and their
wives and their children
shall be consumed with
fire, and before the
sword come against
them, they shall be
overthrown in the streets
where they dwell.

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7:15 Thus shalt thou render them an evil reward; because they rebelled, and met not thy person peaceably.

7:16 And these words pleased Holofernes and all his servants, and he appointed to do as they had spoken. **7:17** So the camp of the children of Ammon departed, and with them five thousand of the Assyrians, and they pitched in the

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valley, and took the waters, and the fountains of the waters of the children of Israel.

7:18 Then the children of Esau went up with the children of Ammon, and camped in the hill country over against Dothaim: and they sent some of them toward the south, and toward the east over against Ekrebel, which is near unto Chusi, that is upon

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the brook Mochmur; and the rest of the army of the Assyrians camped in the plain, and covered the face of the whole land; and their tents and carriages were pitched to a very great multitude.

7:19 Then the children of Israel cried unto the Lord their God, because their heart failed, for all their enemies had compassed them round about, and there was no

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way to escape out from among them. 7:20 Thus all the company of Assur remained about them, both their footmen, chariots, and horsemen, four and thirty days, so that all their vessels of water failed all the inhabitants of Bethulia. 7:21 And the cisterns were emptied, and they had not water to drink their fill for one day; for they gave them drink by

measure.

7:22 Therefore their young children were out of heart, and their women and young men fainted for thirst, and fell down in the streets of the city, and by the passages of the gates, and there was no longer any strength in them.

7:23 Then all the people assembled to Ozias, and to the chief of the city, both young men, and

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**women, and children,
and cried with a loud
voice, and said before all
the elders, 7:24 God be
judge between us and
you: for ye have done us
great injury, in that ye
have not required peace
of the children of Assur.**

**7:25 For now we have
no helper: but God hath
sold us into their hands,
that we should be
thrown down before
them with thirst and**

great destruction.

7:26 Now therefore call them unto you, and deliver the whole city for a spoil to the people of Holofernes, and to all his army. **7:27** For it is better for us to be made a spoil unto them, than to die for thirst: for we will be his servants, that our souls may live, and not see the death of our infants before our eyes, nor our wives nor our

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children to die. 7:28 We take to witness against you the heaven and the earth, and our God and Lord of our fathers, which punisheth us according to our sins and the sins of our fathers, that he do not according as we have said this day. 7:29 Then there was great weeping with one consent in the midst of the assembly; and they cried unto the

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Lord God with a loud voice. 7:30 Then said Ozias to them, Brethren, be of good courage, let us yet endure five days, in the which space the Lord our God may turn his mercy toward us; for he will not forsake us utterly. 7:31 And if these days pass, and there come no help unto us, I will do according to your word. 7:32 And he dispersed the people,

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every one to their own charge; and they went unto the walls and towers of their city, and sent the women and children into their houses: and they were very low brought in the city.

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8:1 Now at that time
Judeth heard thereof,
which was the daughter
of Merari, the son of Ox,
the son of Joseph, the
son of Ozel, the son of
Elcia, the son of
Ananias, the son of
Gedeon, the son of
Raphaim, the son of
Acitho, the son of Eliu,
the son of Eliab, the son
of Nathanael, the son of

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Samael, the son of Salasadal, the son of Israel. 8:2 And

Manasses was her husband, of her tribe and kindred, who died in the barley harvest.

8:3 For as he stood overseeing them that bound sheaves in the field, the heat came upon his head, and he fell on his bed, and died in the city of Bethulia: and they buried him with

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his fathers in the field between Dothaim and Balamo. **8:4** So Judeth was a widow in her house three years and four months. **8:5** And she made her a tent upon the top of her house, and put on sackcloth upon her loins and ware her widow's apparel. **8:6** And she fasted all the days of her widowhood, save the eves of the sabbaths,

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and the sabbaths, and the eves of the new moons, and the new moons and the feasts and solemn days of the house of Israel. 8:7 She was also of a goodly countenance, and very beautiful to behold: and her husband Manasses had left her gold, and silver, and menservants and maidservants, and cattle, and lands; and she remained upon

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them. 8:8 And there was none that gave her an ill word; as she feared God greatly. 8:9 Now when she heard the evil words of the people against the governor, that they fainted for lack of water; for Judeth had heard all the words that Ozias had spoken unto them, and that he had sworn to deliver the city unto the Assyrians after five days; 8:10 Then she

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**sent her waitingwoman,
that had the government
of all things that she
had, to call Ozias and
Chabris and Charmis,
the ancients of the city.**

8:11 And they came unto
her, and she said unto
them, Hear me now, O ye
governors of the
inhabitants of Bethulia:
for your words that ye
have spoken before the
people this day are not
right, touching this oath

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which ye made and pronounced between God and you, and have promised to deliver the city to our enemies, unless within these days the Lord turn to help you. 8:12 And now who are ye that have tempted God this day, and stand instead of God among the children of men? 8:13 And now try the Lord Almighty, but ye shall never know any

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thing. 8:14 For ye cannot find the depth of the heart of man, neither can ye perceive the things that he thinketh: then how can ye search out God, that hath made all these things, and know his mind, or comprehend his purpose? Nay, my brethren, provoke not the Lord our God to anger. **8:15** For if he will not help us within these

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five days, he hath power to defend us when he will, even every day, or to destroy us before our enemies. 8:16 Do not bind the counsels of the Lord our God: for God is not as man, that he may be threatened; neither is he as the son of man, that he should be wavering.

8:17 Therefore let us wait for salvation of him, and call upon him to

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help us, and he will hear our voice, if it please him. 8:18 For there arose none in our age, neither is there any now in these days neither tribe, nor family, nor people, nor city among us, which worship gods made with hands, as hath been aforetime.

19 For the which cause our fathers were given to the sword, and for a spoil, and had a great

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fall before our enemies.

8:20 But we know none other god, therefore we trust that he will not despise us, nor any of our nation. **8:21** For if

we be taken so, all Judea shall lie waste, and our sanctuary shall be spoiled; and he will require the profanation thereof at our mouth.

8:22 And the slaughter of our brethren, and the captivity of the country,

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and the desolation of our inheritance, will he turn upon our heads among the Gentiles, wheresoever we shall be in bondage; and we shall be an offence and a reproach to all them that possess us. 8:23 For our servitude shall not be directed to favour: but the Lord our God shall turn it to dishonour. 8:24 Now therefore, O brethren, let

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us shew an example to our brethren, because their hearts depend upon us, and the sanctuary, and the house, and the altar, rest upon us. 8:25 Moreover let us give thanks to the Lord our God, which trieth us, even as he did our fathers.

8:26 Remember what things he did to Abraham, and how he tried Isaac, and what

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happened to Jacob in Mesopotamia of Syria, when he kept the sheep of Laban his mother's brother. 8:27

For he hath not tried us in the fire, as he did them, for the examination of their hearts, neither hath he taken vengeance on us: but the Lord doth scourge them that come near unto him, to admonish them.

8:28 Then said Ozias to

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**her, All that thou hast
spoken hast thou
spoken with a good
heart, and there is none
that may gainsay thy
words. 8:29 For this is
not the first day wherein
thy wisdom is
manifested; but from the
beginning of thy days all
the people have known
thy understanding,
because the disposition
of thine heart is good.
8:30 But the people**

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**were very thirsty, and
compelled us to do unto
them as we have
spoken, and to bring an
oath upon ourselves,
which we will not break.**

8:31 Therefore now pray
thou for us, because
thou art a godly woman,
and the Lord will send
us rain to fill our
cisterns, and we shall
faint no more. **8:32** Then
said Judeth unto them,
Hear me, and I will do a

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**thing, which shall go
throughout all
generations to the
children of our nation.**

8:33 Ye shall stand this
night in the gate, and I
will go forth with my
waitingwoman: and
within the days that ye
have promised to deliver
the city to our enemies
the Lord will visit Israel
by mine hand. **8:34** But
enquire not ye of mine
act: for I will not declare

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**it unto you, till the things
be finished that I do.**

8:35 Then said Ozias
and the princes unto her,
Go in peace, and the
Lord God be before thee,
to take vengeance on
our enemies. **8:36** So
they returned from the
tent, and went to their
wards.

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9:1 Judeth fell upon her face, and put ashes upon her head, and uncovered the sackcloth wherewith she was clothed; and about the time that the incense of that evening was offered in Jerusalem in the house of the Lord Judeth cried with a loud voice, and said, **9:2** O Lord God of my father

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Simeon, to whom thou gavest a sword to take vengeance of the strangers, who loosened the girdle of a maid to defile her, and discovered the thigh to her shame, and polluted her virginity to her reproach; for thou saidst, It shall not be so; and yet they did so:
9:3 **Wherefore thou gavest their rulers to be slain, so that they dyed**

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their bed in blood, being deceived, and smotest the servants with their lords, and the lords upon their thrones;

9:4 And hast given their wives for a prey, and their daughters to be captives, and all their spoils to be divided among thy dear children; which were moved with thy zeal, and abhorred the pollution of their blood, and called upon

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thee for aid: O God, O my God, hear me also a widow. 9:5 For thou hast wrought not only those things, but also the things which fell out before, and which ensued after; thou hast thought upon the things which are now, and which are to come.

9:6 Yea, what things thou didst determine were ready at hand, and said, Lo, we are here: for

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**all thy ways are
prepared, and thy
judgments are in thy
foreknowledge. 9:7 For,
behold, the Assyrians
are multiplied in their
power; they are exalted
with horse and man;
they glory in the
strength of their
footmen; they trust in
shield, and spear, and
bow, and sling; and
know not that thou art
the Lord that breakest**

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the battles: the Lord is thy name. 9:8 Throw down their strength in thy power, and bring down their force in thy wrath: for they have purposed to defile thy sanctuary, and to pollute the tabernacle where thy glorious name resteth and to cast down with sword the horn of thy altar. 9:9 Behold their pride, and send thy wrath upon their heads:

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**give into mine hand,
which am a widow, the
power that I have
conceived. 9:10 Smite
by the deceit of my lips
the servant with the
prince, and the prince
with the servant: break
down their stateliness by
the hand of a woman.**

**9:11 For thy power
standeth not in multitude
nor thy might in strong
men: for thou art a God
of the afflicted, an helper**

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**of the oppressed, an
upholder of the weak, a
protector of the forlorn,
a saviour of them that
are without hope. 9:12 I
pray thee, I pray thee, O
God of my father, and
God of the inheritance of
Israel, Lord of the
heavens and earth,
Creator of the waters,
king of every creature,
hear thou my prayer:
9:13 And make my
speech and deceit to be**

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**their wound and stripe,
who have purposed
cruel things against thy
covenant, and thy
hallowed house, and
against the top of Sion,
and against the house of
the possession of thy
children. 9:14 And make
every nation and tribe to
acknowledge that thou
art the God of all power
and might, and that there
is none other that**

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**protecteth the people of
Israel but thou.**

JUDITH 10

10:1 Now after that she had ceased to cry unto the God of Israel, and had made an end of all these words. **10:2** She rose where she had fallen down, and called her maid, and went down into the house in the which she abode in the sabbath days, and in her feast days, **10:3** And pulled off the sackcloth

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which she had on, and put off the garments of her widowhood, and washed her body all over with water, and anointed herself with precious ointment, and braided the hair of her head, and put on a tire upon it, and put on her garments of gladness, wherewith she was clad during the life of Manasses her husband. 10:4 And she took sandals upon her

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**feet, and put about her
her bracelets, and her
chains, and her rings,
and her earrings, and all
her ornaments, and
decked herself bravely,
to allure the eyes of all
men that should see her.**

10:5 Then she gave her
maid a bottle of wine,
and a cruse of oil, and
filled a bag with parched
corn, and lumps of figs,
and with fine bread; so
she folded all these

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things together, and laid them upon her.

10:6 Thus they went forth to the gate of the city of Bethulia, and found standing there Ozias and the ancients of the city, Chabris and Charmis. **10:7** And when they saw her, that her countenance was altered, and her apparel was changed, they wondered at her beauty very greatly, and said

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unto her. **10:8** The God,
the God of our fathers
give thee favour, and
accomplish thine
enterprizes to the glory
of the children of Israel,
and to the exaltation of
Jerusalem. Then they
worshipped God.

10:9 And she said unto
them, Command the
gates of the city to be
opened unto me, that I
may go forth to
accomplish the things

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**whereof ye have spoken
with me. So they
commanded the young
men to open unto her, as
she had spoken.**

10:10 And when they
had done so, Judeth
went out, she, and her
maid with her; and the
men of the city looked
after her, until she was
gone down the
mountain, and till she
had passed the valley,
and could see her no

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more. 10:11 Thus they went straight forth in the valley: and the first watch of the Assyrians met her, **10:12** And took her, and asked her, Of what people art thou? and whence comest thou? and whither goest thou? And she said, I am a woman of the Hebrews, and am fled from them: for they shall be given you to be consumed: **10:13** And I

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**am coming before
Holofernes the chief
captain of your army, to
declare words of truth;
and I will shew him a
way, whereby he shall
go, and win all the hill
country, without losing
the body or life of any
one of his men.**

10:14 Now when the
men heard her words,
and beheld her
countenance, they
wondered greatly at her

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beauty, and said unto her, 10:15 Thou hast saved thy life, in that thou hast hasted to come down to the presence of our lord: now therefore come to his tent, and some of us shall conduct thee, until they have delivered thee to his hands. 10:16 And when thou standest before him, be not afraid in thine heart, but shew unto him according to

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**thy word; and he will
entreat thee well.**

10:17 Then they chose
out of them an hundred
men to accompany her
and her maid; and they
brought her to the tent of
Holofernes. **10:18** Then
was there a concourse
throughout all the camp:
for her coming was
noised among the tents,
and they came about
her, as she stood
without the tent of

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Holofernes, till they told him of her. 10:19 And they wondered at her beauty, and admired the children of Israel because of her, and every one said to his neighbour, Who would despise this people, that have among them such women? surely it is not good that one man of them be left who being let go might deceive the whole earth. 10:20 And

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**they that lay near
Holofernes went out, and
all his servants and they
brought her into the tent.**

10:21 Now Holofernes
rested upon his bed
under a canopy, which
was woven with purple,
and gold, and emeralds,
and precious stones.

10:22 So they shewed
him of her; and he came
out before his tent with
silver lamps going
before him. **10:23** And

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**when Judeth was come
before him and his
servants they all
marvelled at the beauty
of her countenance; and
she fell down upon her
face, and did reverence
unto him: and his
servants took her up.**

JUDITH 11

11:1 Then said
Holofernes unto her,
Woman, be of good
comfort, fear not in thine
heart: for I never hurt
any that was willing to
serve Nabuchodonosor,
the king of all the earth.
11:2 Now therefore, if thy
people that dwelleth in
the mountains had not
set light by me, I would
not have lifted up my

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spear against them: but they have done these things to themselves.

11:3 But now tell me wherefore thou art fled from them, and art come unto us: for thou art come for safeguard; be of good comfort, thou shalt live this night, and hereafter: **11:4** For none shall hurt thee, but entreat thee well, as they do the servants of king Nabuchodonosor my

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lord. **11:5** Then Judeth said unto him, Receive the words of thy servant, and suffer thine handmaid to speak in thy presence, and I will declare no lie to my lord this night. **11:6** And if thou wilt follow the words of thine handmaid, God will bring the thing perfectly to pass by thee; and my lord shall not fail of his purposes. **11:7** As

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Nabuchodonosor king of all the earth liveth, and as his power liveth, who hath sent thee for the upholding of every living thing: for not only men shall serve him by thee, but also the beasts of the field, and the cattle, and the fowls of the air, shall live by thy power under Nabuchodonosor and all his house.

11:8 For we have heard of thy wisdom and thy

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policies, and it is reported in all the earth, that thou only art excellent in all the kingdom, and mighty in knowledge, and wonderful in feats of war. 11:9 Now as concern-ing the matter, which Achior did speak in thy council, we have heard his words; for the men of Bethulia saved him, and he declared unto them all that he had

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spoken unto thee.

11:10 Therefore, O lord and governor, respect not his word; but lay it up in thine heart, for it is true: for our nation shall not be punished, neither can sword prevail against them, except they sin against their God. **11:11** And now, that my lord be not defeated and frustrate of his purpose, even death is now fallen upon them,

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**and their sin hath
overtaken them,
wherewith they will
provoke their God to
anger whensoever they
shall do that which is not
fit to be done: 11:12 For
their victuals fail them,
and all their water is
scant, and they have
determined to lay hands
upon their cattle, and
purposed to consume all
those things, that God
hath forbidden them to**

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eat by his laws:

11:13 And are resolved to spend the firstfruits of the tenths of wine and oil, which they had sanctified, and reserved for the priests that serve in Jerusalem before the face of our God; the which things it is not lawful for any of the people so much as to touch with their hands.

11:14 For they have sent some to Jerusalem,

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because they also that dwell there have done the like, to bring them a licence from the senate.

11:15 Now when they shall bring them word, they will forthwith do it, and they shall be given to thee to be destroyed the same day.

11:16 Wherefore I thine handmaid, knowing all this, am fled from their presence; and God hath sent me to work things

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**with thee, whereat all the
earth shall be
astonished, and
whosoever shall hear it.**

11:17 For thy servant is
religious, and serveth
the God of heaven day
and night: now
therefore, my lord, I will
remain with thee, and
thy servant will go out
by night into the valley,
and I will pray unto God,
and he will tell me when
they have committed

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their sins: 11:18 And I will come and shew it unto thee: then thou shalt go forth with all thine army, and there shall be none of them that shall resist thee.

11:19 And I will lead thee through the midst of Judea, until thou come before Jerusalem; and I will set thy throne in the midst thereof; and thou shalt drive them as sheep that have no

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shepherd, and a dog shall not so much as open his mouth at thee: for these things were told me according to my foreknowledge, and they were declared unto me, and I am sent to tell thee.

11:20 Then her words pleased Holofernes and all his servants; and they marvelled at her wisdom, and said, **11:21** There is not such a woman from one end of the earth to

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**the other, both for
beauty of face, and
wisdom of words.**

11:22 Likewise

**Holofernes said unto
her. God hath done well
to send thee before the
people, that strength
might be in our hands
and destruction upon
them that lightly regard
my lord. 11:23 And now
thou art both beautiful in
thy countenance, and
witty in thy words:**

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**surely if thou do as thou
hast spoken thy God
shall be my God, and
thou shalt dwell in the
house of king
Nabuchodonosor, and
shalt be renowned
through the whole earth.**

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12:1 Then he commanded to bring her in where his plate was set; and bade that they should prepare for her of his own meats, and that she should drink of his own wine. **12:2** And Judith said, I will not eat thereof, lest there be an offence: but provision shall be made for me of the things that I have

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brought. **12:3** Then Holofernes said unto her, If thy provision should fail, how should we give thee the like? for there be none with us of thy nation. **12:4** Then said Judeth unto him As thy soul liveth, my lord, thine handmaid shall not spend those things that I have, before the Lord work by mine hand the things that he hath determined. **12:5** Then

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the servants of Holofernes brought her into the tent, and she slept till midnight, and she arose when it was toward the morning watch, 12:6 And sent to Holofernes, saying, Let my lord now command that thine handmaid may go forth unto prayer. 12:7 Then Holofernes commanded his guard that they should not stay her: thus she abode in

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**the camp three days,
and went out in the night
into the valley of
Bethulia, and washed
herself in a fountain of
water by the camp.**

12:8 And when she
came out, she besought
the Lord God of Israel to
direct her way to the
raising up of the children
of her people. **12:9** So
she came in clean, and
remained in the tent,
until she did eat her

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meat at evening.

12:10 And in the fourth day Holofernes made a feast to his own servants only, and called none of the officers to the banquet. **12:11** Then said he to Bagoas the eunuch, who had charge over all that he had, Go now, and persuade this Hebrew woman which is with thee, that she come unto us, and eat and drink with us. **12:12** For,

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lo, it will be a shame for our person, if we shall let such a woman go, not having had her company; for if we draw her not unto us, she will laugh us to scorn.

12:13 Then went Bagoas from the presence of Holofernes, and came to her, and he said, Let not this fair damsel fear to come to my lord, and to be honoured in his

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presence, and drink wine, and be merry with us and be made this day as one of the daughters of the Assyrians, which serve in the house of Nabuchodonosor.

12:14 Then said Judeth unto him, Who am I now, that I should gainsay my lord? surely whatsoever pleaseth him I will do speedily, and it shall be my joy unto the day of my death. **12:15** So she

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arose, and decked herself with her apparel and all her woman's attire, and her maid went and laid soft skins on the ground for her over against Holofernes, which she had received of Bagoas for her daily use, that she might sit and eat upon them.

12:16 Now when Judeth came in and sat down, Holofernes his heart was ravished with her, and

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**his mind was moved,
and he desired greatly
her company; for he
waited a time to deceive
her, from the day that he
had seen her.**

12:17 Then said
Holofernes unto her,
Drink now, and be merry
with us. **12:18** So
Judeth said, I will drink
now, my lord, because
my life is magnified in
me this day more than
all the days since I was

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born. 12:19 Then she took and ate and drank before him what her maid had prepared.

12:20 And Holofernes took great delight in her, and drank more wine than he had drunk at any time in one day since he was born.

JUDITH 13

13:1 Now when the evening was come, his servants made haste to depart, and Bagoas shut his tent without, and dismissed the waiters from the presence of his lord; and they went to their beds: for they were all weary, because the feast had been long.

13:2 And Judith was left alone in the tent, and

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Holofernes lying alone upon his bed: for he was filled with wine.

13:3 Now Judeth had commanded her maid to stand without her bedchamber, and to wait for her. coming forth, as she did daily: for she said she would go forth to her prayers, and she spake to Bagoas according to the same purpose. **13:4** So all went forth and none was

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**left in the bedchamber,
neither little nor great.
Then Judeth, standing
by his bed, said in her
heart, O Lord God of all
power, look at this
present upon the works
of mine hands for the
exaltation of Jerusalem.**

**13:5 For now is the time
to help thine inheritance,
and to execute thine
enterprizes to the
destruction of the
enemies which are risen**

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against us. 13:6 Then she came to the pillar of the bed, which was at Holofernes' head, and took down his fauchion from thence, **13:7** And approached to his bed, and took hold of the hair of his head, and said, Strengthen me, O Lord God of Israel, this day. **13:8** And she smote twice upon his neck with all her might, and she took away his head from

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him. **13:9** And tumbled his body down from the bed, and pulled down the canopy from the pillars; and anon after she went forth, and gave Holofernes his head to her maid; **13:10** And she put it in her bag of meat: so they twain went together according to their custom unto prayer: and when they passed the camp, they compassed the valley,

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and went up the mountain of Bethulia, and came to the gates thereof. 13:11 Then said Judeth afar off, to the watchmen at the gate, Open, open now the gate: God, even our God, is with us, to shew his power yet in Jerusalem, and his forces against the enemy, as he hath even done this day.

13:12 Now when the men of her city heard her

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voice, they made haste to go down to the gate of their city, and they called the elders of the city.

13:13 And then they ran all together, both small and great, for it was strange unto them that she was come: so they opened the gate, and received them, and made a fire for a light, and stood round about them.

13:14 Then she said to them with a loud voice,

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**Praise, praise God,
praise God, I say, for he
hath not taken away his
mercy from the house of
Israel, but hath
destroyed our enemies
by mine hands this
night. 13:15 So she took
the head out of the bag,
and shewed it, and said
unto them, behold the
head of Holofernes, the
chief captain of the army
of Assur, and behold the
canopy, wherein he did**

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**lie in his drunkenness;
and the Lord hath
smitten him by the hand
of a woman. 13:16 As
the Lord liveth, who hath
kept me in my way that I
went, my countenance
hath deceived him to his
destruction, and yet hath
he not committed sin
with me, to defile and
shame me. 13:17 Then
all the people were
wonderfully astonished,
and bowed themselves**

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**and worshipped God,
and said with one
accord, Blessed be thou,
O our God, which hast
this day brought to
nought the enemies of
thy people. 13:18 Then
said Ozias unto her, O
daughter, blessed art
thou of the most high
God above all the
women upon the earth;
and blessed be the Lord
God, which hath created
the heavens and the**

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earth, which hath directed thee to the cutting off of the head of the chief of our enemies.

13:19 For this thy confidence shall not depart from the heart of men, which remember the power of God for ever. **13:20** And God turn these things to thee for a perpetual praise, to visit thee in good things because thou hast not spared thy life for the

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**affliction of our nation,
but hast revenged our
ruin, walking a straight
way before our God. And
all the people said; So
be it, so be it.**

JUDITH 14

14:1 Then said Judeth unto them, Hear me now, my brethren, and take this head, and hang it upon the highest place of your walls. **14:2** And so soon as the morning shall appear, and the sun shall come forth upon the earth, take ye every one his weapons, and go forth every valiant man out of the

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city, and set ye a captain over them, as though ye would go down into the field toward the watch of the Assyrians; but go not down. 14:3 Then they shall take their armour, and shall go into their camp, and raise up the captains of the army of Assur, and shall run to the tent of Holofernes, but shall not find him: then fear shall fall upon them, and they shall flee

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before your face.

14:4 So ye, and all that inhabit the coast of Israel, shall pursue them, and overthrow them as they go.

14:5 But before ye do these things, call me Achior the Ammonite, that he may see and know him that despised the house of Israel, and that sent him to us as it were to his death.

14:6 Then they called

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Achior out of the house of Ozias; and when he was come, and saw the head of Holofernes in a man's hand in the assembly of the people, he fell down on his face, and his spirit failed.

14:7 But when they had recovered him, he fell at Judeth's feet, and revered her, and said, Blessed art thou in all the tabernacles of Juda, and in all nations,

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which hearing thy name shall be astonished.

14:8 Now therefore tell me all the things that thou hast done in these days. Then Judeth declared unto him in the midst of the people all that she had done, from the day that she went forth until that hour she spake unto them.

14:9 And when she had left off speaking, the people shouted with a

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loud voice, and made a joyful noise in their city.

14:10 And when Achior had seen all that the God of Israel had done, he believed in God greatly, and circumcised the flesh of his foreskin, and was joined unto the house of Israel unto this day. **14:11** And as soon as the morning arose, they hanged the head of Holofernes upon the wall, and every man took

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his weapons, and they went forth by bands unto the straits of the

mountain. 14:12 But when the Assyrians saw them, they sent to their leaders, which came to their captains and tribunes, and to every one of their rulers.

14:13 So they came to Holofernes' tent, and said to him that had the charge of all his things, Waken now our lord: for

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the slaves have been bold to come down against us to battle, that they may be utterly destroyed. 14:14 Then went in Bagoas, and knocked at the door of the tent; for he thought that he had slept with Judeth. 14:15 But because none answered, he opened it, and went into the bed-chamber, and found him cast upon the floor dead, and his

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head was taken from him. **14:16** Therefore he cried with a loud voice, with weeping, and sighing, and a mighty cry, and rent his garments. **14:17** After he went into the tent where Judith lodged: and when he found her not, he leaped out to the people, and cried, **14:18** These slaves have dealt treacherously; one

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**woman of the Hebrews
hath brought shame
upon the house of king
Nabuchodonosor: for,
behold, Holofernes lieth
upon the ground without
a head. 14:19 When the
captains of the
Assyrians' army heard
these words, they rent
their coats and their
minds were wonderfully
troubled, and there was
a cry and a very great**

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**noise throughout the
camp.**

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1 And when they that were in the tents heard, they were astonished at the thing that was done.

15:2 And fear and trembling fell upon them, so that there was no man that durst abide in the sight of his neighbour, but rushing out all together, they fled into every way of the plain, and of the hill

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country. 15:3 They also that had camped in the mountains round about Bethulia fled away. Then the children of Israel, every one that was a warrior among them, rushed out upon them.

15:4 Then sent Ozias to Betomasthem, and to Bebai, and Chobai, and Cola and to all the coasts of Israel, such as should tell the things that were done, and that

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all should rush forth upon their enemies to destroy them. 15:5 Now when the children of Israel heard it, they all fell upon them with one consent, and slew them unto Chobai: likewise also they that came from Jerusalem, and from all the hill country, (for men had told them what things were done in the camp of their enemies) and they that were in

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Galaad, and in Galilee, chased them with a great slaughter, until they were past Damascus and the borders thereof.

15:6 And the residue that dwelt at Bethulia, fell upon the camp of Assur, and spoiled them, and were greatly enriched. **15:7** And the children of Israel that returned from the slaughter had that which remained; and the

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**villages and the cities,
that were in the
mountains and in the
plain, gat many spoils:
for the multitude was
very great. 15:8 Then
Joacim the high priest,
and the ancients of the
children of Israel that
dwelt in Jerusalem,
came to behold the good
things that God had
shewed to Israel, and to
see Judeth, and to salute
her. 15:9 And when they**

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**came unto her, they
blessed her with one
accord, and said unto
her, Thou art the
exaltation of Jerusalem,
thou art the great glory
of Israel, thou art the
great rejoicing of our
nation: 15:10 Thou hast
done all these things by
thine hand: thou hast
done much good to
Israel, and God is
pleased therewith:
blessed be thou of the**

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Almighty Lord for evermore. And all the people said, So be it.

15:11 And the people spoiled the camp the space of thirty days: and they gave unto Judeth Holofernes his tent, and all his plate, and beds, and vessels, and all his stuff: and she took it and laid it on her mule; and made ready her carts, and laid them thereon.

15:12 Then all the

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women of Israel ran together to see her, and blessed her, and made a dance among them for her: and she took branches in her hand, and gave also to the women that were with her. 15:13 And they put a garland of olive upon her and her maid that was with her, and she went before all the people in the dance, leading all the women:

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and all the men of Israel followed in their armour with garlands, and with songs in their mouths.

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16:1 Then Judeth began to sing this thanksgiving in all Israel, and all the people sang after her this song of praise.

16:2 And Judeth said, Begin unto my God with timbrels, sing unto my Lord with cymbals: tune unto him a new psalm: exalt him, and call upon his name.

16:3 For God breaketh

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the battles: for among the camps in the midst of the people he hath delivered me out of the hands of them that persecuted me.

16:4 Assur came out of the mountains from the north, he came with ten thousands of his army, the multitude whereof stopped the torrents, and their horsemen have covered the hills.

16:5 He bragged that

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**he would burn up my
borders, and kill my
young men with the
sword, and dash the
sucking children
against the ground,
and make mine infants
as a prey, and my
virgins as a spoil.**

**16:6 But the Almighty
Lord hath disappointed
them by the hand
of a woman.**

**16:7 For the mighty one
did not fall by the young**

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men, neither did the sons of the Titans smite him, nor high giants set upon him: but Judith the daughter of Merari weakened him with the beauty of her countenance.

16:8 **For she put off the garment of her widowhood for the exaltation of those that were oppressed in Israel, and anointed her face with ointment, and**

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**bound her hair in a tire,
and took a linen garment
to deceive him.**

16:9 Her sandals
ravished his eyes, her
beauty took his mind
prisoner, and the
fauchion passed through
his neck.

16:10 The Persians
quaked at her boldness,
and the Medes were
daunted at her
hardiness.

16:11 Then my afflicted

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shouted for joy, and my weak ones cried aloud; but they were astonished: these lifted up their voices, but they were overthrown.

16:12 **The sons of the damsels have pierced them through, and wounded them as fugatives' children: they perished by the battle of the Lord.**

16:13 **I will sing unto the Lord a new song: O**

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Lord, thou art great and glorious, wonderful in strength, and invincible.

16:14 Let all creatures serve thee: for thou spakest, and they were made, thou didst send forth thy spirit, and it created them, and there is none that can resist thy voice.

16:15 For the mountains shall be moved from their foundations with the waters, the rocks

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**shall melt as wax at thy
presence: yet thou art
merciful to them that
fear thee.**

16:16 For all sacrifice
is too little for a
sweet savour unto
thee, and all the fat
is not sufficient for
thy burnt offering:
but he that feareth
the Lord is great
at all times.

16:17 Woe to the
nations that rise up

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against my kindred! the Lord Almighty will take vengeance of them in the day of judgment, in putting fire and worms in their flesh; and they shall feel them, and weep for ever.

16:18 Now as soon as they entered into Jerusalem, they worshipped the Lord; and as soon as the people were purified, they offered their burnt

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offerings, and their free offerings, and their gifts.

16:19 Judeth also dedicated all the stuff of Holofernes, which the people had given her, and gave the canopy, which she had taken out of his bedchamber, for a gift unto the Lord.

16:20 So the people continued feasting in Jerusalem before the sanctuary for the space of three months and

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**Judeth remained
with them.**

16:21 After this time
every one returned to his
own inheritance, and
Judeth went to Bethulia,
and remained in her own
possession, and was in
her time honourable in
all the country.

16:22 And many
desired her, but none
knew her all the days
of her life, after that
Manasses her husband

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was dead, and was gathered to his people.

16:23 But she increased more and more in honour, and waxed old in her husband's house, being an hundred and five years old, and made her maid free; so she died in Bethulia: and they buried her in the cave of her husband Manasses.

16:24 And the house of Israel lamented her

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seven days: and before she died, she did distribute her goods to all them that were nearest of kindred to Manasses her husband, and to them that were the nearest of her kindred.

16:25 And there was none that made the children of Israel any more afraid in the days of Judith, nor a long time after her death.

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